

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8, 10-17, 20-25, and 28-29 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15-17, 28, and 29 are amended. Claims 9, 18, 19, 26, and 27 are cancelled.

Claims 20-25 are allowed.

Entry of the Instant Amendment is Requested

Applicants respectfully submit entry of this amendment.

The instant amendment presents no issues requiring a further search and/or new issues for consideration for the Examiner. The issues with respect to “evaporation system” are discussed further below. However, the above amendment addresses the only issue precluding allowance of all the pending claims. The “amended” features of the claims are features that have been considered by the Examiner and are believed to remove all issues precluding allowance of all the pending claims.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Applicants note that the previous issues under 35 U.S.C. § 102 have been removed.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Applicants note that the previous issues under 35 U.S.C. § 103 have been removed.

Issues with Respect to the Drawings

The outstanding Office Action raises objections to the drawings based on the drawings allegedly not showing every feature specified in the claims. More specifically, the “evaporation systems” were alleged not to have been shown as claimed. While Applicants do not agree with this position, they respectfully submit that the objection is moot in view of the above claim amendment. The “evaporation system” as objected to in connection with the drawings is no longer claimed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection be withdrawn.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Pending claims 1-8, 9-17, 28, and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, this rejection is believed to be moot in view of the amendment.

In order to comply with the written description requirement, the specification should describe the claimed invention in sufficient detail that one skilled in the art can reasonably conclude that the inventor had possession of the claimed invention.


In the pending claims, it would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art that the piping and pump combination described in the drawings and specification aid in the achievement of the claimed objective, i.e., introducing or re-introducing collected liquid to a chamber interior space for conversion into steam inside the chamber interior space.

For example, see pages 10-11 in the Specification, and Figs. 3-5.

From the foregoing, further and favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowability is requested and such action is believed to be in order.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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